**Reservation in private sector**

2115. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non adoption of Government's proposals of reservation for SC/ST by the private sector;

(b) the action taken on the orders issued by her Ministry on the 18th November, 2004 in this regard and whether they have highlighted the plea that such reservation is the cause of sickness of public sectors; and

(c) Government's reactions thereto and the steps being taken to pursue the corporate sector to comply with the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Government has to initiate a National Dialogue with political parties, industry and other organizations to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youth. Accordingly, Associations of trade and industry were addressed on 18.11.2004 for eliciting their views in the matter. No orders have been issued on 18th November, 2004.

**Reports of UN Drug Control Programme**

2116. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of UN Drug Control Programme on Drugs and Crimes, in Delhi 44.7 per cent of treatment seekers were heroin addicts, while alcohol accounted for 26.4 per cent;

(b) whether the report prepared in collaboration with her Ministry further indicated that most addicts are initiated into the drugs by age of 24 years;

(c) whether around 15 million people could become addicts by 2004 end, if drug abuse is not effectively controlled; and